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SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL 500,000.

Registered Office, 40, THREADNEEDLE STREET,

LONDON.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN

AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, Issues LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum, 6 " " 4 " " 3 " "

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the BALANCES of such claims, purchased on advantageous terms.

AGENCY OF THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY. E. W. RUTTER, Manager, HONGKONG BRANCH.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 3,900,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 7,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS: CHAIRMAN—Hon. JOHN BELL IRVING.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN—W. H. FORBES, Esq. C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq. S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq. W. G. BRODIE, Esq. J. S. MOSES, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. L. POKSNICKER, Esq. H. LAVON, Esq. N. A. SIESS, Esq. Hon. A. P. MC EWEN, E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER, HONGKONG—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER, SHANGHAI—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

BRANCHES—LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS: For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum. For 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum. For 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED: CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 25th April, 1888.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 3; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.

SUMS LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN \$5, at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$1,000 in any one year.

DEPOSITS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$1,00, or more, at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, if marked on HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

WITHDRAWALS may be made demand; but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 1st September, 1887.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS

are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the COMPANY'S FOREMEN should be at hand,

ORDERS FOR REPAIRS, if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th August, 1888.

Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "BALCARRES BROOK."

Captain Burgess, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Steamer is berthed at KOWLOON and, Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY, the 21st Inst.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th instant or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st June, 1888. [625]

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MERIONETHSHIRE" FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods, are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th June, 1888. [595]

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED: \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOOL LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1888. [550]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in conjunction with Messrs. TURNER & Co., for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at CURRENT RATES.

W. HEWETT & Co., Hongkong, 7th June, 1888. [573]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL TAELS: 600,000.

EQUAL TO: \$833,333.33.

RESERVE FUND: \$240,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEX SING, Esq. LO YEKU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. [877]

Auctions.

POST PONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th of June, 1888, at 2 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Zetland Street;

FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Ex Steamship "Bremen,"

1,000 Pcs. NEW AMERICAN REPEATING

RIFLES, Cal. 44—17 Shot, WHITNEY

KENNEDY'S Latest Pattern Packed in Cases of 20 Pieces each.

ALSO,

1,000,000 NEW AMERICAN WINCHESTER, CARTRIDGES, Cal. 44 to fit above Rifles, Packed in Tin boxes of 50, and Cases of 2,000 Pieces each.

TERMS OF SALE.—The Lot or Lots with all errors of description at purchaser's risk after the fall of the hammer. Payment in Bank Notes at the fall of the hammer.

F. RAPP,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1888. [612]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MY INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY in the Firm of HAHN, PIRON & Co., has ceased from this day.

E. PIRON,

Dealer in Pianos and Musical Instruments.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1888. [594]

Intimations.

ROSE & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED HER FRENCH MAIL.

ADIES, EVENING SHOES IN BLACK SATIN, KID and BRONZE.

THE LANGTRY WALKING SHOE.

GENTLEMEN'S KID and CANVAS SHOES.

CHRISTIAN TERRA HATS, WATERPROOFs, and UMBRELLAS.

Also,

A Fresh Invoice of DRESS MATERIALS in MUSLIN, CANVAS, PHOTO-EDGE ZEPHYRS to match the fashionable RIBBONS, EMBROIDERED COSTUMES in all Shades. The New Pattern DRILL for DRESSES, 15 cents per yard.

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

WATSON'S.

A STRONG, E. T. LEMONADE.

An excellent stomachic and preventive of diarrhoea and is recommended by the Faculty.

During the present season, avoid all doubtful food, impure water, over-fatigue, and impure air.

A bottle of ASIATIC CORDIAL, and a bottle of the finest old LIQUOR BRANDY, are useful things to have in the house.

The following DISINFECTANTS are reduced in price:

PERMAGANATE FLUID (similar to Condy's) 50c. per bottle or \$3 per 2 gallon jar.

CARBOLIC ACID 75c. per quart bottle.

LEYEN FLUID, CHLORIDE OF LIME and other Disinfectants at usual prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., Ltd.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Established A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1888.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

THE TORY PARTY.

LONDON, 22nd June, 1888.

Conservative meeting Lord Salisbury urged the necessity of the united efforts of the party, "whose dissolution must ensue. The Right Hon. W. H. Smith threatened to resign unless the Government possesses the full confidence of the country. A vote of confidence in the Ministry was carried by the meeting.

THE STANLEY EXPEDITION.

Deserters report heavy losses suffered by the Stanley Expedition. Pretunat (?) severely wounded. A relief expedition is being prepared.

(From *Straits Times*)

THE ASCOT GOLD CUP.

LONDON, June 15th.

Capt. Mitchell's ch. c. Timothy, by Hermit—Lady Masham.....

Mr. Barclay's br. c. Tissaphernes, by Xenophon—Twitter.....

Mons. Aumont's b. f. Tenchreux, by Mourie—or Safrage—New Star.....

3 THE NEW EMPEROR.

BERLIN, June 16th.

William's the Second, has issued a general order to the Army and Navy affirming his deep reliance on the attachment of both services.

THE COURT IN MOURNING.

LONDON, June 18th.

The Queen has ordered general mourning for a fortnight; the Court goes into mourning for six weeks for the late Emperor of Germany.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE EMPEROR.

BERLIN, June 19th.

The procession walked from the Palace to the Church, the New Emperor and the Prince of Wales following the hearse, escorted by picked troops from the various corps.

THE NEW EMPEROR.

PARIS, June 19th.

The majority of the French papers regard the issue of William the Second's general order to the Army and Navy as warlike.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Orion left Singapore for Batavia on the 6th inst.

MESSRS. Peale, Hubbell & Co.'s country estate was lately put up for auction at Manila, and realised \$10,345.

THE Cambridge University on May 24th conferred the degree of M.A. upon Sir Thomas Francis Wade, Professor of Chinese.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending June 24th, are: Europeans 193, Chinese 1,983; total, 2,181.

SENIOR COSTA, the Governor of Macao, and family, are shortly expected from Timor. The gunboat *H. L. M.* arrived here to-day to convey His Excellency to the Holy City.

THE Weekly Herald, the Roman Catholic organ for London, says: "We are in a position to state that Her Majesty's Government have agreed to found and endow an Irish Catholic University."

THE steamship *Arratoon Apear*, now undergoing repairs in the Albert Dock at Tanjong Pagar in consequence of being in collision with the Ocean Co.'s steamer *Hebe*, is not expected to be ready for sea until the end of next month.

THE L. & C. EXPRESS reports that the steamer *Cardiganshire*, from China, and the steamer *Alvera*, from London, which arrived at Hamburg on the 20th May, were in collision, with one another in Schleswig, but sustained only slight damage.

FOUR Itinerant Hawkers were charged by the police this morning with selling unwholesome fruit, and rotten plantains and plums in the public streets on the 24th inst. They admitted the offence whereupon Mr. Sercombe-Smith fined three of them \$10 each, while the fourth offender, who was found with plantains in an advanced state of decay and ticketed at one cash each, was ordered to "ante up" the sum of \$15, which being too strong a call on his resources he was laid by for one month.

ADMIRAL Sir J. E. Commerell, who was lately appointed to the naval command at Portsmouth, commanded the *Fury* in 1859, during operations in the Peho, and was promoted to the rank of captain, receiving the China medal and Taku clasp.

The following appointments were made at the Admiralty on the 16th ulto:—Lieut. George J. Lockin, to the *Attiller*; Lieut. Edgar S. H. Gamble, to the *Merlin*; and Thomas W. Snell, staff-paymaster, to the *Leander*, all to date April 1st 1888.

THE Foochow *Echo* says that native seamen believe that, owing to the large demand, coupled with the high rates obtained for the first crop, the prices of tea up country will rise considerably. It is also stated that the quality will be the finest ever shown.

Mr. Wei Yung, the President of the Tung Wu Hospital, has received by telegram (operator of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.) the sum of £1,111.11 collected in South Australia by Mr. Wylie for the relief of the sufferers by the late disastrous inundations in the Canton district.

THE Spanish Ministry, recently formed under the Presidency of Señor Sagasta is composed of the following statesmen:—Foreign Affairs, the Marquis of Vega-Armijo; War, Sr. O'Ryhan; Justice, Sr. Alonso Martinez; Interior, Sr. Moret; Marine, Sr. Rodriguez Arias; Finance, Sr. Puigcerver; Trade and Agriculture, Sr. Canalejas; Colonies, Sr. Capdevila. The Manila *Comercio* publishes their respective biographies.

SEVENTEEN Chinese representing themselves to be barbers, boatmen, coolies, and gardeners, were this morning ranged before the dock of the Police Court charged with being at large in the streets of the colony without lights or passes at 1 a.m. on the 24th inst. Ching Shik, police constable, said he found the defendants walking in a body along the Praya Central, at the time mentioned, and on being asked for their passes said that they had none and were houseless; they had come down from Canton looking for work and were ordered out of the steamer—the *Fathian* which brought them down, by a European. Mr. Sercombe-Smith discharged the defendants with a caution.

AN exceptionally severe thunderstorm, attended with loss of life, burst over a great part of Scotland early on the morning of the 19th May. The Lifesize Lunatic Asylum, near Cupar, was struck by lightning and set on fire. The patients, numbering 300, were placed in safety. The females were very much alarmed, but the males had much with the fire engines. One man, however, got on the top of a ridge, and played antics, refusing to come down till showered with the water-hose. The damage to the buildings is estimated at over £3,000. At Glasgow four persons were killed. Near to Cirencester, in Gloucestershire, a man who was driving a pair of horses in a field was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The horses were also killed. Many large trees were torn up by the roots, and much damage is reported from various parts of the district.

THE members of the Hongkong Rifle Association held their first monthly Challenge Cup competition at Kowloon on Saturday, when no fewer than twenty six competitors took the line. The conditions of this interesting competition are—seven shots each at 200 and 50 yards respectively, all the members of the Association having been carefully handicapped by the Committee. The weather on Saturday afternoon was very unfavorable for good shooting, and the result was that the scoring generally, especially at the longer range where the light was very bad, proved considerably below the average, several of the "cracks" making an astonishingly poor show. On "totting up" the scores it was found that Mr. W. C. Murray, allowed 14 points, headed the list with 29 at the 200 and 20 at the 50 yards, thus making his total 63. Mr. H. F. Hayllas, allowed 7 points, was a good second with 28 and 26, Seign. Fowler of the Police, allowed 2, taking third place with 31 and 27. Lieut. E. O. Smith of the 88th Regiment, (scratch) started well with 32 at the 200 yards, but fell off at the longer range, only bringing up his total to 56. The closeness of the scores made by the first sixteen speaks volumes for the success of the competition.

LEO SUN CHUN, who said he was an exporter of crockery ware to Singapore, charged a man of the coolie class at the Police Court this forenoon with robbing him of \$12 on the 23rd inst. on board the river steamer *Fathian*, on her passage down from Canton. Complainant's yarn was that between 9 and 10 p.m. of that day he went to sleep in the "wreck deck" of the steamer, with the accused sleeping alongside of him; had the money in a girdle around his waist, and on waking up, towards morning, he found that both the money and the accused had vanished. On complaining to the Comprador of the ship a search was made, when defendant was found lying down on the fore part of the middle deck and the money, \$10 in notes, on his person; two dollars in silver could not be found. Finding four previous convictions for larceny standing against the prisoner's name Mr. Sercombe-Smith committed him for trial.

THERE is an amusing story told of the Marquis de President Henault, one day complaining of the interruptions to which they were constantly subjected by reason of the society in which they lived. They arranged to have a whole day to themselves and proposed to meet in a small unoccupied apartment at the Tuilleries belonging to a friend. They arrived accordingly, in separate conveyances about 11 o'clock a.m., and ordered their carriages to return at midnight. Throughout the morning they agreed that if every day were only to be as that life itself would be too short. Dinner came, and before 4 o'clock sentiment had yielded place to gaiety and wit. About 6 the Marquis looked at the clock. "They play *Athalle* to-night," said she, "and the new actress is to make her appearance." "I confess," remarked the President, "that if I were not here, I should regret not seeing her." "Take care, President," said the Marquis, "what you say sounds really to an expression of regret; if you had been as happy as you profess, to be you would not have thought of the possibility of being at the representation of *Athalle*." The President vindicated himself, and ended by saying: "Is it for you to complain when you're the first to look at the clock, and to remark that *Athalle* was acted to-night? There is no clock for those who are happy." The dispute grew warm, and they became more and more out of humor with one another, and by 7 they wished most earnestly to separate. It was impossible. "Ah!" said the Marquis! "I can not stay here till 12 o'clock—five hours longer; what a punishment!" There was a screen in the room; the Marquis sealed herself behind it, and left the rest of the room to the President, who, piqued, takes a pen and writes a note full of reproaches and throws it over the screen. The Marquis picks up the pen, goes in search of pen, ink and paper and writes answer in the sharpest terms. At last midnight arrived and each buried off separately, fully resolving not to try the same experiment again.

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THE Manila *Diario* publishes a letter from the Consul of the Republic of Ecuador, in Manila, in which he says that an infallible remedy against cholera, is a decoction of Perambuco or Brazil wood, called *Tinteral*. The draught is said to effect a cure even when the patient has attained the "last stages" of the disease. Lime-tree flowers are also said to be good preventatives.

Sir Andrew Clarke, who has filled the post of Inspector-General of Fortifications, vigorously supports the demand for a thorough reconstruction of the War-Office system. In a letter to *The Times* he declares that the Department at present constituted and worked is "a machine incapable of carrying on business." Its methods are "antiquated and absurd; its procedure is cumbersome and irrational." "Von Moltke at the head of our War Office would be paraded."

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) that the "Union" Line steamer *Lord of the Isles*, from New York, left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected to arrive on the 2nd proximo.

We regret to learn that a seaman on board H.M.S. *Impetuous* died of cholera at 11 o'clock this morning. The unfortunate man had been ashore on liberty yesterday and was only taken sick a couple of hours before his death.

THE third weekly prize competition of the Garrison Shooting Club took place at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon. Quartermaster-Sergeant Hunt proving successful from 19 opponents with a total of 30, which score was tied by Sergt. Attoe, R.E. There were several 29's, and the shooting was good all round.

SAYS THE *Straits Times* of the 18th inst.—The British steamer *Cheng Hye Teng*, which arrived here this morning from Amoy with 575 Chinese passengers, has been ordered into quarantine. Five deaths from cholera had taken place on board during the passage. The German steamer *Duburg* is still in quarantine. Her second officer died of cholera yesterday at the quarantine station.

Mr. Candler, manager of the mines, after defining the plaintiff's duties at the mines, said that on the 24th or 25th May he told him that the smelter, Mr. Turner, was unsatisfactory; that he wanted to stay on till June, but that owing to the unsatisfactory results of the last six months, witness was afraid the directors were getting tired of seeing no practical results. They would give him one more trial, however, and if that was not successful Mr. Turner would be suspended. Witness told plaintiff so that he might not be surprised if the work was temporarily stopped before witness returned, after absence of three weeks. He also told plaintiff that in the event of Mr. Turner's suspension he must continue the mining operations. On the 29th May witness heard that Mr. Turner had left work owing to some communication made to him by plaintiff. The company incurred a loss of quite \$200 through Turner quitting work as he did, leaving the furnaces going, &c. Next day he heard that the plaintiff and Turner had been in a house together three or four hours. He therefore asked plaintiff if he had been disobeying orders again, to which he replied in a very insulting tone "Yes, I have." Witness told him that that was not the first time; and he must dismiss him. Plaintiff therefore said the company had had plenty of law in their time and he would let them have some more. Witness had charged him not to repeat the conversation that took place on the 24th. Witness had previously heard that plaintiff told Mr. Sinclair that witness had said it would be a good job when Turner went away, which he had never said. Plaintiff had been repeatedly insolent in his behaviour. With respect to plaintiff's assertion that witness misrepresented the value of the ore, he said that the ore was worth \$200 or \$250 a ton.

Witness also explained the arrangements for laying the pipes. It was part of plaintiff's work, but he was promised some small amount—say \$100 through Turner quitting work as he did, leaving the pipes going, &c. Next day he heard that the plaintiff and Turner had been in a house together three or four hours. He therefore asked plaintiff if he had been disobeying orders again, to which he replied in a very insulting tone "Yes, I have." Witness told him that that was not the first time; and he must dismiss him. Plaintiff therefore said the company had had plenty of law in their time and he would let them have some more. Witness had charged him not to repeat the conversation that took place on the 24th. At this point his lordship adjourned the hearing until to-morrow afternoon, again suggesting that a compromise should be effected.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SEVERAL SENTENCES ON CHINESE CRIMINALS.

The Criminal Sessions were concluded this morning, at the Supreme Court, the Hon. J. Russell, Acting Chief Justice, passing sentence upon the prisoners who were found guilty last week.

Ng Chai Kwan was the first. His lordship said: You have been charged with bringing three boys into the Colony and unlawfully detaining them by force. Luckily for you were not the charge one of misdemeanour only. If it had been shown that you took these boys from lawful custody it would have been a felony, and would have rendered you liable to a much more severe sentence than the one of two years hard labour which I shall pass. This is about the worse type of offence: a man who will steal children is the worst kind of a thief; he cares nothing for the trouble and anxiety he causes to the parents, but decoys the children away and locks them up in a room for days simply to gain a few dollars. I presume you know that if you were in China you would get your head taken off, instead of being imprisoned for a comparatively short period. You will probably be out of gaol within two years; you will do well not to revert to these practices. If you do, and are found in China, they will make a short work of you.

Mr. Webber stated that the dismissal was justified by the plaintiff having divulged certain statements made to him in confidence by Mr. Candler. After being told several secrets about the mine, Mr. Candler found that he had immediately communicated them to another employee, the consequences of which might have been serious. When taxed with it plaintiff could give no excuse. He was therefore discharged, according to a clause in the agreement. As to the claim for laying pipes the charge was excessive, the work having neither been done quickly nor well.

His lordship suggested that a private settlement should be arrived at, without bringing the matters before the public. After an adjournment for a few minutes Mr. Webber agreed to accept \$25. Mr. Ewens offering \$50. Some further discussion took place, after which neither party conceding, his lordship ordered the case to go on.

Plaintiff was then called, his evidence being substantially as stated by Mr. Webber. On the 27th May Mr. Candler told him that another employee named Turner was incompetent, and that he (Mr. Candler) was probably going to America to get another man, adding that plaintiff needn't tell anyone. He told Turner the same day he was dismissed. Plaintiff said he knew it before. That was the only alteration or disagreement that plaintiff had had, with Mr. Candler or the defendant during his engagement. In a letter written by Mr. Candler afterwards he told plaintiff that the reason for his dismissal was wilful disobedience. The disobedience was denied, and plaintiff claimed his salary for the remainder of the period. He had also, at Mr. Candler's request, paid a number of pipes, which was not part of his duty, and occupied four months.

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His lordship said:—You did not ask me to tell a lie about the mine to the Chinaman?

Plaintiff:—No, but I thought he might.

His lordship:—Although you suggested that you were ready to do so.

Plaintiff:—I wanted an understanding about it.

By Mr. Ewens:—During the conversation with Mr. Candler he told me that he was going to reduce expenses, as Turner could not get another smelter. He might have to dismiss Turner if he made another failure. I think that Turner was then smelting some ore. I did not understand that if the smelting was successful he would not be dismissed. Mr. Candler did not fully explain the position of the mine, nor that I could take charge if Turner went away, nor did I promise not to repeat what he said.

On the 27th May I was with Turner in Mr. Sinclair's house; we had some drinks. Turner said he expected to leave that day, and that the smelting was a failure, as the furnaces were clogged. I told him they were getting another man in his place. He replied that he had recommended them to get a man from America, since they could not get a man from England to smelt them. In Mr. Candler's next day, said to me "You've been disobeying orders" and I said "Yes I have." I

desires it to be understood that if this scheme is mentioned on the terms proposed, the Marine Lotholders will obtain the reclaims in front of their lots, not as a matter of right, but simply as a privilege the concession of which happens to be convenient. The shore belongs to the Crown; and to the Crown alone belongs the right of reclamation and of ownership in the land reclaimed, the only obligation attaching to the lessee being that of compensating the frontage owner for the difference, if any, between the value of his Marine Lot and the value of the same land converted into an "Inland" Lot by the reclamation in front of it.

As the Governor is anxious to lose no time in transmitting his plans, estimates and other papers connected with this project to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency desires me to request you to be good enough to favour me with the final reply of the lot-owners interested at your earliest convenience.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable C. P. Chater.

Summary of the Assessed Values of the Lands to be reclaimed exclusive of Government Lots.

Section 1.	\$ 790,828
2.	570,400
3.	1,385,055
4.	354,235
5.	1,121,147
6.	2,083,892
7.	1,480,264
Total values.	\$ 7,910,821

J. M. PRICE,
Surveyor-General.

PRAYA RECLAMATION.

Schedule of areas and costs of the portions to be assigned to the Marine Lot Owners and to be paid for by them.

Section	Amount of land	Rate per	Amount of land	Rate per
1.	107,707	\$ 174,332	1,65	\$ 1.89
2.	114,800	1,054	2,72	1.73
3.	107,865	345,235	1,73	1.73
4.	50,005	153,034	3,02	1.74
5.	135,034	270,690	1,74	1.74
6.	240,233	440,115	1,83	1.74
7.	185,034	251,860	1,66	1.66
Total values.	\$ 2,146,228			

J. M. PRICE,
Surveyor-General.

THE TANK LANE MURDER CASE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

SIR,—Your evening contemporary printed on Saturday a leading article, commenting on the decision of the Jury on the Tank Lane murder case.

It seems to me that the well known speech of the late Beaconsfield can be adopted to answer this venturesome man who criticises the decision of a Jury in a case which they heard and which he did not. I would put the question to you in the following words:

Which do you think the more likely to come to a correct decision—a body of respectable men chosen to serve on this Jury or a sophistical journalisus incubited with the exuberance of his own verbosity and gifted with an egotistical imagination, etc. etc.

Your obedient servant,

X.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1888.

We think, since our correspondent directly asks the question, that the Jury would be the more likely to come to a correct decision; but it unfortunately happens, nevertheless, that even special juries get on the wrong tack occasionally. Surely "X" will admit the possibility of basing a fair enough criticism on the printed evidence of the case? However, we can't see anything so very far amiss in the verdict returned in the case mentioned—there certainly was a doubt, and the prisoner had a right to the benefit of that doubt. The article in the *China Mail* on the subject is, like most editorials in that decayed vegetable basket, childish twaddle.—Ed., *Hongkong Telegraph*.)

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the sixth annual report of the Board of Directors of the above Company, presented to the shareholders at the seventh ordinary general meeting, held in the Cannon Street Hotel, London, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 1888.

The Board of Directors beg to submit here-with to the Proprietors their Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1887.

The Accounts will show that the year has not been one of special prosperity, the promise of good results held out in the earlier months having hardly been kept up throughout the year. Much competition for the freights obtainable on the coast of China has still to be encountered, as the shipping trade of the world, though undoubtedly improved when compared with its period of lowest depression, cannot yet be regarded as prosperous. Full cargoes cannot therefore be always counted upon, and earings which are inadequate have sometimes to be submitted to in order to maintain the regularity and continuity of the various lines.

Nevertheless, with the assistance of an abstention from their regular commission, voluntarily conceded by the General Managers in China, and in the absence of any unexpected call upon their Underwriting Account, the Directors are enabled to recommend payment of a dividend at the same rate as that of last year.

The balance in favour of working account, with the addition above referred to, amounts to £48,000 12s. 0d., and the proportion of profit transferred from Underwriting Account is £8,834 19s. 7d. After allowing the full provision for depreciation on the fleet, the available balance amounts to £26,716 18s. 0d. Out of this the dividend recommended of 5 per cent. would absorb £24,704 10s. 0d., leaving £1,922 8s. 0d. to be carried forward to the present year. It is proposed to issue the dividend warrants on the 15th June.

The current season has opened with rather better prospects so far as respects the Company's earnings. A good trade has been done at the opening of the Northern navigation, and freights show some advance upon those of last year. It is much to be hoped that this activity will be prolonged throughout the summer.

The various services on the Coast are being worked with regularity and to the satisfaction of shippers. Considerable opposition is still experienced on the Calcutta line from the foreign mail steamers, and this seems likely to continue to interfere with the results formerly obtained. The system of alternate departures at regular intervals established upon this line has on the whole worked well, and does not appear to call for further modification.

All the vessels of the Company's fleet have been maintained in their usual state of high efficiency. The minor casualties sustained during 1887 are in about the usual proportion; but the Company is fortunate in having had no loss of a steamer, nor any disaster that called for extensive repairs.

The Company have now increased the reserve of Underwriting Account to £30,000, and with the gradual increase of the fleet, it will be their aim to maintain this reserve upon a perfectly safe basis.

It having been found that the number of steamers at the disposal of the General Managers was hardly adequate to enable them to take their full share in the coasting business, the Board, under their advice, contracted for the new steamer, *Choy Sang*, built by Messrs. Hall-Russell & Co., of Aberdeen. This vessel, after a satisfactory trial trip, in which she came up to the expectation of her builders and of the Board, was despatched from London to China with full cargo on the 20th April. She is expected to constitute a valuable addition to the fleet.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. J. McGregor and T. Reid will be eligible, after themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs & Co., likewise retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

J. MACANDREW
(Chairman).

London, 19th May, 1888.

LIST OF THE COMPANY'S FLEET OF STEAMERS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1887.

	Tons Register.
<i>Taku</i>	1,087
<i>Si Nan</i>	1,65
<i>El Dorado</i>	1,80
<i>Pechili</i>	1,460
<i>Tai-wo</i>	1,324
<i>Fuh-qua</i>	927
<i>Kung-wo</i>	982
<i>Yuen-wo</i>	7521
<i>Pok-sang</i>	1,557
<i>Kwong-Sang</i>	512
<i>Kow-Sang</i>	134
<i>Wing-Sang</i>	1,329
<i>Tai-Sang</i>	1,326
<i>Canton</i>	1,337
<i>Kut-Sang</i>	2,311
<i>Lee-Sang</i>	1,097
<i>Vik-Sang</i>	1,378
<i>Chow-Sang</i>	27,403
but not taken over.	1,880

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1887.

	Amount of cash	Amount of	Amount of	Amount of
To Share Capital	£1,200,000	First issue, 60,000	shares, each £10, whereof 49,589	shares subscribed and fully paid up
"				£195,890.00
" Balance of Underwriting Account		30,000.00		
" Sundry Creditors				
" In London	3,121.0.5			
" Sundry Creditors				
" In China	3,020.11.3			
Balance from Revenue Account		26,176.18.9		
				£558,748.10.5

ASSETS.

	Value of seven steamships, &c.	Boats, Ferry boats, &c., &c.	Less amount written off for depreciation	£45,363.0.0
				456,958.3.8

Payment on a/c of New Steamer, *Choy Sang*....

6,130.11.00

£413,088.15.6

Purchase of Business—Balance.....

40,000.0.0

Coals in Godowns and on board Ships.....

3,519.18.3

Stocks of Provisions on board Ships and Stores on hand.....

2,993.9.7

Office Furniture—Sundry Debts to Freight and Debit Balances in London.....

4,242.0.10

In China.....

91,591.13.5

Cash in London.....

1,099.8.6

Cash in China.....

1,995.18.6

£5,833.14.3

£558,748.10.5

Dr. REVENUE ACCOUNT.

To General Charges, Telegrams, Directors' and Auditors' Fees....

£ 5,238.9.8

" Exchange Account.....

3,043.13.2

" Depreciation—On Steamships, &c.

£25,363.0.0

On Office Furniture.....

12.10.0

Balance—Profit.....

25,375.10.0

26,716.18.9

£60,974.11.7

Cr. Balance brought forward from 1886 a/c.....

25,210.19.7

Less Dividend paid 24,704.10.0

£ 1,416.9.7

Net earnings of steamers for the year, after crediting Return Commission conceded by the General Managers.....

48,903.12.9

Interest Account.....

939.12.9

Amount transferred from Underwriting Account.....

8,834.10.7

Profit on Coal Account.....

874.6.11.5

Transfer Fees.....

5.10.0

£60,974.11.7

